

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-30 are currently pending, and new claims 26-30 are added by the present amendment. Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 21-25, as indicated in the Notice of Allowance mailed November 2, 2004. Applicant submits that support for new claims 26-30 is self-evident from Applicant's disclosure as originally-filed, including the specification at Figure 16¹ and from page 54, line 23, to page 55, line 8. Thus, no new subject matter is introduced by these amendments to the claims.

Filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) to continue prosecution of this case. For at least reasons substantially similar to those set forth in the Petition to Make Special Under MPEP §708.02(VIII) submitted August 5, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 26-30 patentably define over the prior art. For example, Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art does not disclose or suggest that "said at least one play list search pointer comprises primary text information related to at least one of said play lists," as recited in each of new claims 26-30, in combination with other claimed features.

¹ See, e.g., "PRIMARY TEXT INFO. (PRM_TXTI)" and "ITEM TEXT SEARCH POINTER NUMBER (IT_TXT_SRPN)".

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Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance, and an early and favorable allowance of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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